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Application Number	09/225,502-Conf. #2400						
Filing Date	January 6, 1999						
First Named Inventor	Steven M. Rubeň						
Group Art Unit	1644						
Examiner Name	A. Decloux						
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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2. 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 Previously submitted Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ii. iii. Other b. x Enclosed x Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 with Exhibit A i. ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. 2. Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required) 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. a. x The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 08-3425 i. x RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) iii. Other Check in the amount of \$ b. enclosed c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED Name (Print/Type) Janet M. Martineau Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 46,903

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